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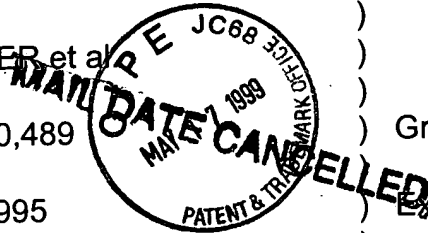
In re Application of:

Luc MONTAGNIER et al

Serial No. 08/470,489

Filed: June 6, 1995

For: RETROVIRUS CAPABLE OF  
CAUSING AIDS, MEANS AND  
METHOD FOR DETECTING IT  
IN VITRO



Group Art Unit: 1818

Examiner: Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of January 22, 1999. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

[ ] Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	36	-	107	-	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	4	-	3	1	x \$ 78	78.00
[X] First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+ \$270	<del>270</del> 0
Subtotal						\$ 78.00
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						-
TOTAL						\$ 78.00

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[X] A fee of \$ 78.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

[ ] A fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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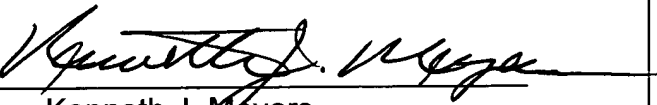
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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: March 17, 1999

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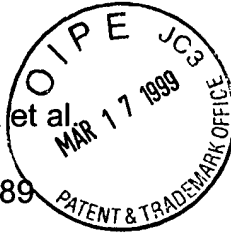
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 25**

In response to the Office Action mailed January 22, 1999 (Paper No. 25),  
applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend this application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **cancel** claims 72-89, and **add** the following new claims:

--90. A method of detecting HIV-2 retrovirus nucleic acid in a biological sample,  
said method comprising:

a) contacting said sample with an HIV-2 specific probe under  
hybridization conditions selected from the group consisting of hybridization conditions of

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